A Full and True Account

Of the Several

Skirmishes and Bloody Battles,

Which hath happened in

Kinsale, Cork, and Dublin:

Since the Landing

Of the French Forces

IN

IRELAND.

More particularly,

What happened at *Charlemont*, since the Siege thereof, and of the Condition, and Number of K. *James*'s Army.

With an Impartial Relation,

Of the Hanging of several considerable Protestants, at *Galloway*, in the same Kingdom.

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NOtwithstanding, the Roman Catholicks, and other Jacobites, the Enemies of their Majesties, and our present happy Settlement, have seemed of late so much to busy themselves up, with their impudent falacies, of the mighty supplies of Succours the *French* King had sent to the Late King *James* in *Ireland*; It's now at Hand from all Hands that the whole Force they have landed consists but of 7000 men, and that they consist chiefly of new Foot-guards, very few Natural *French*; the *French* King not thinking fit to venture Forces of his own Subjects in so hazardous an Enterprise; King *James* is so far from doing any Wonders with this Supply, that (we have certain accounts) many of the *French* Soldiers at *Cork* have been already severely punished, for having they came not there to Fight for Irish Money.

A Person lately escaping from *Kinsale*, and come to *England*, relates, that the Irish were for fortifying that Place and *Cork*, (which plainly shews that they will not be any ways assistant to the strengthening of King *James*'s Army, in taking the Field, against our Gracious Sovereign coming over there;) besides, *Cork* (the place where they landed) is 117 Miles from *Dublin*, and 158 from *Dundalk*, the place where the first Scene of Action is like to be) the same Person adds, that Maj. Gen. *MacCarty*, Coll. Fielding, and Grant Captains, with 3000 *Irish* were returned in the *French* Ships.

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The last Letters from *Belfast*, say, that the *Danes* are now all landed, and that *D. Schomberge* had armed such a number of Men (of the Country) as to make up 30000 Men, and that it was believed he would undertake some remarkable Enterprise, before his Majesties Arrival there: Likewise, that the Duke of *Schomberge* had received Letters from Coll. *Wolsley*, dated from *Belturbet*, wherein, he gives an Account, that on the 23d. at Night, he sent out a Party of 200 Men to fetch in some Cattle for the use of the Garrison, who leaving *Cavan* on their Right-hand, went three Miles beyond it, and brought away 1000 Head of Cattle; when they came back to the River, they found 400 of the Enemy drawn up to hinder their passage, but our Men fell upon them and routed them, killed 40, and took 8 Prisoners, whereof two were Lieutenants, and pursued the rest to the very Gate of *Bellynacargate*. They burnt several Houses in that County, that had a great quantity of Meal and Wheat in them, from whence the Enemies Garrisons were supplied.

Fifteen Persons lately arrived at *Chester*, from *Dublin*, in a Ship belonging to one Mr. *Bell*, a Merchant of that City, laden with Hides and Tallow (having his Cockets signed from a Port in *France*) they confirm many former Reports, with the Addition, that the Late King had either killed or given away (some to the Nobility, others to the Officers of the Army) all the Deer in the Park of *Dublin*, being above 500 Head, and that the Pales, round the said Park, were pulled down and carried to that City, for firing for the King, *&c.* which plainly shews, that they have little hopes of being Masters of *Dublin* long.

The Duke of *Berwick* being on his March, to attempt a Second Enterprise on the Frontiers, and coming near the *Newry*, his Army was so scared at the approach of the *English*, that presently running away, he declared that he would not Head them any longer, they having twice served him so before.

They also say, that the Late King had caused most of the eminent Protestants of *Dublin*, and County adjoining, to be secured, offering them a Pass, either to go to Duke *Schomberge*'s Army, or *England*, in Case they would raise him 50000 *l.* and that a part of the *French* Fleet was daily expected at *Dublin*, to carry for *France* great quantities of the Protestants Goods, that lay there ready to be put on Board, and that it was the general Discourse there, that 500 of the Protestants themselves would be Shipped on Board for that Kingdom.

They likewise add, that of 18000 Horse, King *James* so much gloried in last Summer, most of them are either dead, or rendered unserviceable, by being at Grass all the Winter, that he has now but 1100 fit for Service, that in *Dublin* is but 3 Regiments of Foot, and one of Horse in Garrison.

Mr. *Crow*, Chaplain to the Arch-Bishop of *Tuam*, being sent from *England* for *Galloway*, with 500 *l.* for relief of the poor Protestants in that City, approaching near the Gates, with a Drummer, had an Account that several Persons endeavouring to make their escape from thence, in an open Boat, were stopt by a *French* Ship, and sent back to that City, and the next day were all hanged.

Notwithstanding, most of the *Danes* were landed in *Ireland*, a considerable time since; yet, King *James* hath very lately put out a Proclamation, at *Dublin*, Declaring, it should be Death for any man to report that the *Danes* were landed, by which it may easily be seen, what little tricks and shifts King *James* has Recourse to, to keep the Stupid *Irish* in Ignorance.

As for *Charlemont* they have been for some time (in a manner) wholly blockt up, for since Col. *Wither* burned the Bridge, and took their Boats they cannot make any incursions into the Country, we haveing Garrisons at *Armagh*, *Benburl*, *Loghgall*; the General took a view of the place, and makes no doubt of having it, before the Army takes the Field, in order to which he has ordered several great Guns, and two Morter-pieces, to be immediatly drawn down thither, resolving to turn the blockade into a a formal Siege. It is reported that there were some Recruits of Men put into the place, without Provision, which will occasion the sooner surrender; but this wants Confirmation. On the other hand, the Enemy have not been idle in fortifying this place, for they have flung up a Ditch, on the out-side of the Trench, equally high with the Wall, so that although the Castle be of it self weak, yet the Fortifications about it are strong.

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